UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

JESUS MARTINEZ,

Petitioner,

No. ED CV 08-01903-R (VBK)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER DENYING
RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

V.

JOHN SALAZAR,

Respondent.

On December 23, 2008, Jesus Martinez (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner") filed a "Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody" pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254. In accordance with the Court's Order on January 29, 2009, Respondent filed a "Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss; Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion to Dismiss Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus" and "Notice of Lodgment," contending that the Petition was barred by the one-year statute of limitations set forth in 28 U.S.C. §2244(d) (1) as amended by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"). On February 3, 2009, the Court issued a Minute Order ordering Petitioner to file an Opposition or Statement of Non-Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss. On February 9, 2009, Petitioner

filed an "Answer to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss," which the Court construed as an "Opposition." In this document, Petitioner attached as Exhibit 1 a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed in the Riverside Superior Court on August 9, 2007, which Petitioner alleges entitled him to statutory tolling of the one-year statute of limitations.

On February 11, 2009, the Court issued a Minute Order ordering Respondent to file a Reply to Petitioner's Opposition within 14 days. On February 26, 2009, Respondent filed a "Reply to Petitioner's Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus." In this document, Respondent concedes that the Petition was timely filed.

In light of Respondent's concession, the Court HEREBY DENIES Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and ORDERS Respondent to file an Answer addressing the merits of the Petition within 30 days of the date of this Order.

DATED: 3/4/2009

VICTÓR B. KENTON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE